A REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

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Et ſine Parabolis non Loquebatur eis —— Mat. 13. 34

WHEN The Excellency and Advantages of NATIONAL BLINDNESS are, as in our laſt, fully Examin'd; nothing can be more pleaſant, than to obſerve how the Poor Blinded People pretend to lead one another about the World, every one pretends he ſees; and every one pretends to his Neighbour, that he, *the ſaid Neighbour*, is Stone Blind.

From this Notion it was, I preſume, that the laſt time I was up in the Lunar Regions, and Travell'd to that well-known World in the Moon, I could not refrain, when I came to a certain height, to ſtop, and look back upon this Contemptible Thing, call'd the Earth.

It is impoſſible to Deſcribe what mean Thoughts a Man muſt neceſſarily have of the wild Doings in this World, when they are view'd at ſuch a diſtance —— The Strength of the Imagination, the Clearneſs of the Opticks, the Swiftneſs of the Thoughts, and the Brightneſs of the Fancy, all partaking of the Elevations of the Body.

The Earth appears like a Carpet ſpread upon a vaſt Plain; Mountains and Hills, Valleys

Valleys and Deeps, make no ſhow at all, any more than the Waves of the Sea, tho' Mounting toHeaven, ſhew themſelves to the Eye, when viewing the Ocean at a diſtance —— The Cities, Towns, Fields, Rivers, Ships, and People, appear in their Proportion to the diſtance, *minute even to Atoms*, yet perfect by the help of a piercing Sight, Rarified by the Exhilerations of the Place.

But beſides this, having furniſh'd my ſelf, *the laſt time I came that Way*, with certain Wonderful Optick Glaſſes, ſuch as were perhaps never heard of *on this ſide the Moon*; I had, by them, the Advantage of ſeeing into Cabals, Cabinets, Congreſſes, Private and Publick Aſſemblies, Counſels of State, Counſels of War, Counſels of Men, and Counſels of Devils—— And if from theſe great Opportunities, of piercing the ſecret Management of Affairs in theſe lower Regions, I furniſh you ſometimes with ſome Hiſtorical Account of theſe Things, that may be new to you, you ought not to Wonder —— Since could a Man that ſees the inſide of the World, let the out-ſide know what is doing there, more Wonders and Witchcraft would be made Publick, than ever the Devil has thought fit to let Mankind be acquainted with.

You may now, if you pleaſe, *or whether it pleaſe you or no*, ſuppoſe me reſting my ſelf in my Journey towards the Moon, at the diſtance of about 600 Miles Perpendicular height; I ſhall not trouble you with the Natural Enquiries, which I know many would be apt to make, ſuch as the height of the Atmoſphere, the variety of the Regions, the Nature, Temper, and Quality, of the Air, *or whether Air or no*, which I paſs'd through, how mix'd with Heat or Cold, Vapour or Moiſture, how ſuited to Reſpiration, what Meteors I ſaw, what Magazines of Exhalations for Comets, or for common Lightning and Thunder, and the like? Theſe Things I may take Occaſion to give you a Philoſophical Deſcription of, in ſome Tract by it ſelf, when I find my ſelf, *as the Learned uſually ſay*, at Leiſure from my more Uſeful Studies.

Neither ſhall I determine for the Satisfaction of the Curious, over what particular Part, or Spot of the Globe, I place my ſelf for theſe Obſervations, or where, according to *Euclid*, in the whole Arch of the Globe's Surface, *my Perpendicular was rais'd*; only thus far I may tell you, that I Calculate my Poſition *as near as may be*, over the North Weſt Parts of *Europe*, from whence, if I ſaw more plainly, into the Divans or Counſel Chambers of the Princes of *Europe*, than I could into Sanhedrms or Parliaments of other Countries, the Reaſon is clear.

Yet I was not however Confin'd to the meer Surface of the Globe, as it preſented itſelf to the View of an Hour or two, but the Diurnal Motion of both Globes, I mean the Terrene, as well as the Lunar, Dancing Hand in Hand round one another, gave me a full View of every Side, and I ſaw what was doing within the ſame Latitude in the Moon, as well as what was doing in this Globe, both at the ſame Time.

I might here, very profitably Communicate to you, before I proceed to my Political Remarks, ſome of my other Obſervations whether *Aſtronomical*, *Philoſophical*, or *Natural*, and I might run this Diſcourſe out to a great length, in deſcribing the various Phænomena, of the 14*th* Region; but theſe Things are too great, for the ſmall Compaſs I have Confin'd myſelf to —— And therefore I ſhall content my ſelf, with giving you the Generals, which thoſe that think fit to take a Journey to the ſame Place, may, no doubt, obtain the like Satisfaction with me, in finding out the Particulars.

Here you may ſee, the true Mathematical State of the Suns Reflexion; how the Moon and the Earth, are but two Globes, much of the ſame Form, Quality, and Conſtitution, tho' one ſomething leſs than the other—— How they are equally Moons to one another, and as they rowl round in their Diural Motion, receive the Rays of the Sun, in direct Lines; and like two Looking-Glaſſes, return thoſe Rays, oblique to the dark ſides of each other; this makes what the Men of either Globe call Reflection, being the ſame Thing our Philoſopher's

ſophers know by the Learned Title of *Moon-ſhine*.

Here you may ſee the Philoſophical Reaſon, of what we call *Planetary Influence*, and how Virtue goes out from each of theſe Moons or Earths, *for you may call them which you pleaſe*, convey'd, and forc'd on by thoſe Reflex Rays, from one to another as certain *Effluvia* conveying the reſpective Powers, whether of Moiſture, Vapour, Heat or Cold, from one Globe directly to the other; which *Effluvia*, having a ſecret Magnetick Quality, and being arm'd with, and aſſiſted by innumerable pointed Particles convey'd with them, pierce into all kind of Matter, agitate all Bodies, whether Vegetative, Senſitive, or Rational; and produce the Effects *in both Worlds*, which we ſee in this,

Here may be ſeen, the true Reaſon of the Tides keeping pace with, and exactly obeying the Motions of *what we call* the Moon, as likewiſe the Waters in the *other Moon*, exactly do the Motions of *this*; becauſe their Motion, and the perpetual Emiſſion of theſe *Effluvia*, as above, make a kind of Conjunction of the two Bodies, and they may be eſteem'd indeed but one Body, containing both the Globes, and all that which we fooliſhly call *Space*, between them.

Here I might read you a long Lecture of the *Winds*, and tell you ſtrange Stories of the Cauſe, manner, and Direction of Storms, and Tempeſts; I might ſeem perhaps to Contradict the Scripture, and tell you, the Wind does *not Blow where it Liſts*, but juſt *where it is bidden*; but I hope you would excuſe that little Error in Divinity ——Here I ſaw, That Winds are nothing but certain Troops of Armed Horſemen, their Deſcription and Compoſition eaſie enough to be Comprehended; they are born on Wings of mighty extent; they Feed like a Woodcock, by Exhalation or Suction, and encreaſe by Flying; they are Compos'd of Vapours, Collected from all Parts of *both the Moons* I am Treating of, and have their Rendezvous in the middle, between both; they Encamp in the great Arch, ſtretching themſelves to a Prodigious length every Way; and are conſtantly Obedient to the Regular Motions of the ſaid Globes —— Except when upon an Extraordinary Occaſion, Detachments of them are ſent out upon particular Expeditions, by the Appointment of him that Commands them.

If theſe Airy Horſemen are ſent out in ſmall Squadrons, they are very uſeful, Principally to aſſiſt the Clouds, to diſtil moiſt Vapours in proportion'd Quantities, and not drown one part, while they ſtarve another: They are alſo ſent out with ſome additional Strength upon other Occaſions —— Such as to diſperſe heavy Clouds, ſeparate gather'd Miſts, and unwholeſome Fogs, clear the Air of Contagious Exhalations, purge Vapours, and the like, and are withal very Serviceable to Navigation, eſpecially as they are detach'd from various Quarters of the great Army of Heaven's Cavalry aforeſaid.

Again, ſometimes the whole Army moves together, and all the Windy Horſemen of the whole Heavens advance at once, this is done with Terror, Noiſe, and inexpreſſible Fury —— This, the Men of the Moons we were ſpeaking of, call Tempeſt, or Storm; if the Motion be regular and ſtreight, it is the leſs Dangerous, but ſometimes one part flying faſter then another, occaſions Claſhings, Diſorder and Confuſion; the Troops Galloping now faſteſt from this Point or Wing of the Army, then from that, ſo that it blows, as we call it, from many Corners in a ſhort ſpace, this we call Hurricane —— At other Times being put into Confuſion, they Gallop round one another in great Circles, and this is call'd in the other Moon as well as in this, Whirlwind.

There are other Operations of theſe Horſemen, and which they are frequently detach'd ſingle to perform; and this is when they enter and poſſeſs Bodies of other Qualities —— Such as the Earth in either Globe, in which they make a ſtrange Combuſtion, fatal in many Particulars, and this is call'd *Earthquake*, or in Minerals and Sulphurious Cavities, which occaſions Vulcanos, and Eruptions of Fire —— Others poſſeſs Humane Bodies, and there we

we find them Operating many Ways—— As *Wind* in the Bowels, *Wind* in the Blood, *Wind* in the Tongue, but above all, *Wind in the Brain*; of all which, I may begin to ſpeak, before I begin to make an End of the beginning of my preſent Journey to the Moon.

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